

**Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ**  
**SoM, Part 11: Not Destroy But Fulfill**

Last time...we are the Salt and Light of the world

2 imperatives in the form of those 2 metaphors

- demands attention and/or action
- each with a warning for not so doing

This time...the strength/integrity/fortitude/backbone of the Kingdom's Constitution and the Gospel

**Matt 5:17-19**

v17 Think:

It is important that we think (Is 1:18, Acts 17:11)...each of us vs me for all  
We have a free will and have been given the power of choice (sovereignty)  
What we think is important...eternity is in the balance (Rom 12:2, Heb 9:27)  
It is important to think what God says is true...not what we think is true  
To meditate on what God's Word is saying, devoid of any filters of  
our own understanding, imagination, or pre-conceived ideas  
(Job's friends)

I am come:

From where? Nazareth?

Is it a "big deal" for a man from Nazareth to come to Capernaum? No.

to destroy:

To diminish, demolish, annul, or abolish

the Law or the prophets:

The Law: the Torah, the Pentateuch...1<sup>st</sup> 5 books of Bible, Books of Moses  
the foundation of Jewish lives and culture (unique)

The prophets: God's Word to/thru His servants

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth His  
secret unto His servants the prophets

- calling His people to repentance
- doctrine/reproof/correction/instruction in righteousness
- announcing salvation

The Messianic prophet: Isaiah  
The Weeping prophet: Jeremiah  
The Beloved prophet: Daniel  
The Priest prophet: Ezekiel  
The Shepherd prophet: Amos  
The Reluctant prophet: Jonah  
The DoL prophets: Joel and Zephaniah  
The ToG prophet: Zechariah  
And all the others...”writers” and non-writers, known and unknown

Together, the Law and the Prophets

- the Word of God
- the testimony of God to Adam’s race (given to the Jews)
- the revelation of God declaring His Plan of Redemption pointing to the Messiah

to fulfill:

To bring the Word of God to its full expression,  
To establish the true meaning of the Law and the prophets,  
To satisfy and finish the requirement of God...perfectly and completely  
Nothing left undone

Deut 18:15-19	thereby announcing His Identity “like” yet superior to Moses/Law The Prophet superior to all other prophets God’s Word required by somebody...Him or the unbeliever
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Rom 15:8      Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision (Jews) for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the fathers

The full expression, true meaning, satisfaction, and end of the requirement of God is...Love, in Spirit and in Truth, in deed and in truth

Rom 13:8b      he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Rom 13:10      Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

Gal 5:14      For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

1 John 4:8      God is Love

Jesus Christ is...God

v18 I say unto you:

“I say unto you”, as a marked contrast to “the law” (v17)  
Spoken with the same authority as “Thus says the LORD.”  
But...in person! (John 1:1, 14)

We will hear Jesus Christ repeatedly say this in the balance of the SoM,  
“But I say unto you,”...drawing a clear distinction to the letter of the Law  
and “blowing the minds” of the Jews

Jesus taught the Spirit of the Law vs the letter of the Law...  
the true meaning, full expression, and requirement of the Law

Till heaven and earth pass:

pass = to perish, to cease

The heaven and earth will cease to exist, but until then...

The Maker of heaven and earth has Unfinished Business...  
with Israel and with the Gentile nations

Jer 31:31-37

Jer 33:14-26

The existence of heaven and earth means God is not done with Israel  
Replacement Theology is a lie from the pit of hell

one jot or one tittle:

jot – the least (smallest) letter in the alphabet, both Hebrew and Greek (iota)

tittle – dash, accent mark, “horns” on a letter

The difference between “he’ll” and “hell”

Luke 16:17 it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

Think on this from God’s Truth!

The power of the Word of God is greater than the power that holds the  
universe together!

The universe (think of its size!) will fail, not one jot or tittle of the  
Word of God will ever fail

Not so much as one letter of one word or even one part of one letter of one  
word will fail, or cease to exist, or be null/void...ever

Ps 119:89 Forever, O LORD, thy Word is settled in heaven.

The universe is not forever but the Word of God is

till all be fulfilled:

all = all...no part of anything is excluded

Every letter and every mark on every letter on (in my Bible) 1208 pages...  
will be fulfilled by Jesus Christ...perfectly and completely

He is the fulfillment of the promises to AI& J...who Gen 15:6  
and the nation "in" them, partakers of the promises  
(He did NOT come to fulfill their traditions but to set them aside)

He is the fulfillment of the Standard given to Moses

- the perfect sin sacrifice for all forever
- the perfect Sabbath/rest
- the perfect peace
- the perfect Love
- the perfect faith

Is 43:25      I, *even* I, *am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Is 51:5-6      My righteousness *is* near; My salvation is gone forth, and Mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon Me, and on Mine arm shall they trust.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but My salvation shall be forever, and My righteousness shall not be abolished.

John 5:39      (already spoken in Jerusalem)  
Ps 40:7 and Heb 10:7  
All the Shadows given to Moses and the prophets

Matt 24:35      Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Luke 24:44      These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning Me.

Rom 10:1-4      ONLY Jesus could fulfill...all, perfectly, completely  
for everyone that believes, Jew or Gentile

Rom 15:8-12

Heb 11:6 impossible to please God apart from faith  
Heb 12:2 Author and Finisher of faith...  
the beginning and the end of faith  
the perfect faith

Gal 2:16

Gal 3:22

Phil 3:7-9

Rom 3:9-31

v22 faith of Jesus  
v27 law of faith...Whose?  
v31 faith establishes the law...Whose faith and Whose law?

“faith **of**” or “faith **in**” – whose faith establishes/fulfills perfectly  
the Law and Prophets?!

The promises to AI&J, Moses and prophets...salvation, redemption...  
are dependent upon the perfect satisfaction and conclusion of ALL  
the Word of God

Jesus can and did and will perfectly...we cannot, ever

- the Law is holy and righteous and good
- the only problem with the Law is that I cannot keep it
- I am to fault, the Law is not
- It was never intended to make me righteous but to show me  
that I was a sinner in need of God’s help...  
causing me to seek Jesus, the fulfillment of the requirement

Therefore we desperately need Jesus Christ!

- His faith – we are given a measure of it
- His performance – accounted unto those who believe/trust/lean on  
Him alone
- His merit/righteousness – accounted unto those who believe/trust/lean  
on Him alone

We are saved from justified condemnation from the Law (as guilty lawbreakers)  
by grace (God the Father’s) through faith (God the Son’s),  
neither grace nor faith being ours, they are the gift of God,  
not by works (ours), lest any man should boast (Eph 2:8-9)

v17-18 is ALL about Jesus Christ the Son of God...not us!

The Backbone/Strength of character/Fortitude/Integrity of the Constitution of the  
Kingdom of God and the Gospel is...Jesus Christ

Truly...John 14:6

Bow down before Him!

v19 break...and teach:

Break: disobey, do contrary to, do not perfectly, to compromise...  
even the smallest letter of any word or a mark on any letter of any word...  
and teach others to do the same

Real dangers today as deception and confusion are on the rise:

- False doctrine
- False teachers
- Strange fire (Lev 10:1-3)

shall be the least (or great) in the kingdom of heaven:

Jesus mentions a rank in His kingdom...and the rank is the reverse of what man  
would expect (Is 55:8-9), what the Pharisees are teaching His people

- to be first is to be last
- to be great is to be a servant
- to be great is to be like a child

do and teach:

Do...perfect obedience...  
And uncompromisingly teach others

Because v18 is true, the proper way to handle the Word of God is like Samuel  
1 Sam 3:19

Lev 18:4-5 Ye shall do My judgments, and keep Mine ordinances, to walk  
therein: I *am* the LORD your God. Ye shall therefore keep My  
statutes, and My judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in  
them: I *am* the LORD.

James 1:22 AND James 2:10

Anything less than 100% obedience 100% of the time is  
“breaking the Law”

Who “does” and “teaches”?

John 14:26 Holy Spirit

Luke 24:49 the promise of My Father upon...  
endued with power from on high

Acts 1:8 receive power, Holy Ghost is come upon, to be witnesses...  
to be doers of the Word and then to teach...

- our children (Deut 6:4-7)
- all nations (Matt 28:18-20)

Teach what?

1 Cor 2:2

2 Cor 3:5      sufficiency (to be pleasing/righteous) is of God

Matt 16:24

Rom 10:13-17

One primary method of “doing” and “teaching”: the marriage relationship  
So, toward that end...